**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for location-based image sharing, comprising:

defining a sharing rule that specifies with which one or more recipients images are shared based on location-identifying information; and

applying location-identifying information associated with an image to the sharing rule to determine the one or more recipients with which the image should be shared.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

making the image automatically available to the determined one or more recipients.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 9, further comprising:

a sending unit to make the image automatically available to the determined one or more recipients.

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13. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

14. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

15. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

17. (Amended) A computer program product including computer program code to cause a processor to perform a method for location-based image sharing, the method comprising:

defining a sharing rule that specifies with which one or more recipients images are shared based on location-identifying information; and

applying location-identifying information associated with an image to the sharing rule to determine the one or more recipients with which the image should be shared.

18. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the method further comprises making the image automatically available to the determined one or more recipients.

21. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

22. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

23. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

25. (Amended) A computer program product including computer program code to cause a processor to perform a method of sharing an image having location-identifying information, the method comprising:

determining a recipient of the image based upon the location-identifying information; and

making the image available to the recipient.

28. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

29. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

30. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the sharing rule specifies at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the claims.

Please add the following new claims 31-37.

31. (New) A method of sharing an image having location-identifying information, comprising:

determining a recipient of the image based upon the location-identifying information; and

making the image available to the recipient.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein making the image available comprises at least one of automatically sending a copy of the image to the recipient by e-mail and automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the recipient.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising converting the location-identifying information into location data using a location database.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the location-identifying information comprises latitude and longitude coordinates.

35. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the image is at least one of a digital photo and a digital video.

36. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein determining a recipient of the image is performed using at least one of a proximity to the location-identifying information, a set of location-identifying information and a bounding perimeter of location-identifying information.

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37.  (New) The method of claim 31, wherein making the image available to the recipient comprises making the image available to the recipient only if the recipient is on a buddy list.